

P-999/CI-87-695 GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME AND EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE
OF DESIGNATED CARRIER PLAN

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of an Investigation into
IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Plans

ISSUE DATE: January 10, 1990

DOCKET NO. P-999/CI-87-695

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 2, 1987, the Commission issued its FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER AND ORDER INITIATING SUMMARY INVESTIGATIONS in In the Matter of a Summary Investigation Into IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation for Local Exchange Carriers Providing Telephone Service Within the State of Minnesota, Docket No. P-999/CI-85-582.

In that Order, the Commission adopted the Designated Carrier Plan as a temporary mechanism to compensate local exchange carriers for intraLATA toll access. The Commission also established the Intrastate IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Study Committee to research and evaluate options for a permanent compensation plan. This research effort was to be part of a Commission investigation conducted under the title and docket number listed above.

The Committee was originally scheduled to complete its investigation and report to the Commission by January 11, 1989. This date has been extended twice, due to the large number of telephone companies involved in the investigation and the complexity of the technical and policy issues under consideration.

On December 20, 1989 the Committee filed its second interim report. In that report the Committee stated it had been unable to complete the state-wide traffic studies necessary to make its final recommendations. The Committee requested a new reporting date of June 11, 1990 and recommended that the temporary Designated Carrier Plan remain in effect until January 1, 1991 or until a permanent compensation plan has been approved and implemented.

No party objected to the Committee's proposal. The matter came before the Commission on January 2, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Committee's proposal is reasonable, given the complexity of the issues and the far-reaching consequences of whatever permanent compensation plan is ultimately adopted. It is clear that a study of this magnitude requires more time than originally thought. Since an adequately researched and thoughtfully prepared report is crucial to developing a just and workable compensation plan, the Committee must be allowed the time necessary to complete its work.

Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by this delay. The Commission will extend the reporting deadline and the effective date of the Designated Carrier Plan as requested.

ORDER

1. The timetable proposed for the completion of its work by the Intrastate IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Study Committee is approved. The Committee shall file its report on or before June 11, 1990.
2. The Designated Carrier Plan, established by Order dated November 2, 1987 in In the Matter of a Summary Investigation Into IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation for Local Exchange Carriers Providing Telephone Service Within the State of Minnesota, Docket No. P-999/CI-85-582, shall continue in operation until January 1, 1991 or until a permanent compensation plan has been adopted and implemented, whichever is earlier.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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